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SUBJECT: SITUATION UPDATE ON REACTION TO FRENCH
- INTERVENTION IN RWANDA

REF: BUJUMBURA 2149

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE HUGE DEMONSTRATION YESTERDAY ORGANIZED BY
OPPOSITION PARTIES TERMINATED AT PRINCE RWAGASORE
STADIUM IN AN ORDERLY FASHION. UPRONA
PARLIAMENTARIAN FRANCOIS NGEZE, FORMER INTERIOR
MINISTER, AS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER TO THE CROWD VILIFIED
THE FRENCH ROLE IN RWANDA SINCE THE ONSET OF THE WAR
IN OCTOBER 1990. NGEZE ACCUSED THE GOF OF
CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THE RWANDAN PRESIDENTIAL GUARD
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AND DREADED MILITIA; HE CALLED THE "SO-CALLED
HUMANITARIAN ACTION" TOO LATE. THE GRB WAS WARNED
NOT TO ALLOW FRENCH AIRCRAFT OR OTHER MEANS OF
TRANSPORT TO TRANSIT BURUNDI TERRITORY.

3. ON THE KIRUNDI NEWSCAST LAST NIGHT, FORMIN
NGENDAHAYO SPELLED OUT IN AN INTERVIEW THE GRB'S
POSITION ON THE FRENCH INTERVENTION. ACCORDING TO
LOCAL SOURCES, NGENDAHAYO'S RESPONSES FOLLOWED THE
CLEAR ENUNCIATION THAT THE MINISTER PROVIDED TO U.S.
CHARGE YESTERDAY: ESSENTIALLY BURUNDI WILL MAINTAIN
ITS NEUTRALITY VIS-A-VIS RWANDAN BELLIGERENTS,
CONTINUE DIPLOMATIC/POLITICAL EFFORTS AND
PARTICIPATE IN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF ASSISTANCE BUT
CANNOT BE A PART OF RELATED MILITARY ASPECTS OF THE
FRENCH INITIATIVE.

4. AT TODAY'S LUNCHEON GATHERING OF THE WESTERN
CHIEFS OF MISSION, FRENCH AMBASSADOR NOTED HIS
EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED SEVERAL PHONE CALLS EXPRESSING
INDIGNATION AT THE FRENCH INITIATIVE. NONE OF
THESE, HE SAID, WAS UNDULY MENACING. THE FRENCH
ENVOY REMINDED THAT SINCE OCTOBER 1993, FRANCE HAS
BEEN THE FOCUS OFTEN USED WHEN BURUNDIANS SEEK TO
PROJECT ELSEWHERE THEIR OWN INTERNAL PROBLEMS. THE

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GROUP TENDED TO AGREE THAT YESTERDAY'S LARGE
DEMONSTRATION ALSO SERVED THE PURPOSE OF RALLYING
TUTSI OPPOSITION FORCES WHICH COULD BRING MORE
COALESCING AND THEIR STANCE ON INTERNAL POLITICS.
BEFORE LUNCH ENDED, THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR RECEIVED A
CALL FROM HIS CHANCERY NOTIFYING HIM THAT A GROUP OF
FRENCH EXPATRIATES RESIDENT IN BURUNDI HAD DELIVERED
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A COPY OF A LETTER ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT MITTERRAND
OBJECTING TO THE RWANDA INTERVENTION.

5. A DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE INTERVENTION BY
RWANDAN REFUGEES IN BUJUMBURA WAS RUMORED LATE THIS
MORNING. HOWEVER, GRB OFFICIALS REFUSED A PERMIT
AND THE DAY PASSED ROUTINELY WITHOUT SUBSEQUENT SUCH
EVENT. EMBASSY IS TRACKING TO SEE IF LOCAL RWANDANS
RENEW THEIR REQUEST.

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